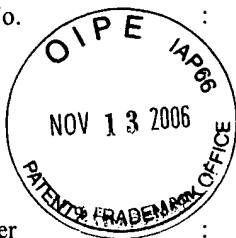


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Keita Nakamatsu et al.  
Serial No. : 09/880,305  
For : INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
Filed : June 13, 2001  
Examiner : James A. Fletcher  
Art Unit : 2621



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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	14	Minus	20	x	\$50 (25)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	9	Minus	9	x	\$200 (100)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

- \* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.  
\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

- ☐ This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.  
☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached, which covers the cost of ☐ additional claims \_\_\_\_\_ petition for extension of time.  
☒ Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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Signature  
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November 8, 2006  
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Respectfully submitted,

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2006 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on November 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.